



RFP NUMBER:	RFP/SASSETA/25261129
DESCRIPTION:	Appointment of a suitable service provider to supply, deliver, configure and annually renew SASSETA OEM licenses with support and maintenance services as and when required, from date of appointment until 31 March 2030
PUBLISH DATE:	30 April 2026
CLOSING DATE:	22 May 2026
CLOSING TIME:	11h00 am
COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION DATE	N/A
VALIDITY PERIOD:	120 days from the closing date
PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM	80/20
BID RESPONSES TO BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY:	Proposals are to be submitted electronically via email to licenses@sasseta.org.za for the attention of Ms. Lebo Hlombe, Quoting the reference (RFP/SASSETA/25261129)
ATTENTION:	Ms. Lebo Hlombe
The email address (licenses@sasseta.org.za) is for the submission of tender proposals only and will be accessed by SASSETA after the tender closing date and time.	
Queries related to this tender are to be sent to scm01@sasseta.org.za .	

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DOCUMENTS IN THIS BID DOCUMENT PACK

Bidders are to ensure that they have received all pages of this document, which consist of the following documents:

SECTION A

1. RFP Submission Conditions and Instructions
2. Terms of Reference
3. Selection Process

SECTION B

1. Invitation to Quote (SBD 1)
2. Pricing Schedule (SBD 3.3)
3. Bidder's Disclosure (SBD 4)
4. Preference Points Claim form in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022 (SBD 6.1).
5. Submission Checklist
6. General Conditions of Contract (Annexure A)
7. CV Template (Annexure B)

1. RFP SUBMISSION CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 FRAUD AND CORRUPTION

- 1.1.1 All Service Providers are to take note of the implications of contravening the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, Act No 12 of 2004 and any other Act applicable.

1.2 COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION

- 1.2.1 There will be no briefing session for this Request for Proposal

1.3 CLARIFICATIONS/QUERIES

- 1.3.1 Any clarification required by a bidder regarding the meaning or interpretation of the Terms of Reference, or any other aspect concerning the bid, is to be requested in writing (e-mail) from **Ms. Lebo Hlombe** at scm01@sasseta.org.za by **12h00 on 15 May 2026**. The **bid number** should be mentioned in all correspondence. **Telephonic requests for clarification will not be accepted.**

1.4 SUBMITTING BIDS

- 1.4.1 Proposals to be submitted electronically via email to licenses@sasseta.org.za (maximum size of the email 30 MB)
- Bidders are advised to compress their submission(s) to a maximum of 30MB file/folder. **Any submission(s) exceeding 30MB will be automatically rejected by the server.**
 - Submission(s) can be made through email and WeTransfer. **Bidders are advised NOT to set an expiry date on the submission(s) made. If a Bidder's response is found to have expired during the evaluation period, it will be considered non-responsive.** Bidders who chose to submit via WeTransfer are encouraged to ensure that they have a license for the platform as without it, the submission will automatically expire within seven (7) days.
 - Bidders must not submit their responses via **Google Drive or any other method that will compel SASSETA to request access and/or create an email address out of SASSETA's domain (sasseta.org.za).** Such responses will be considered non-responsive.
 - Bidders are advised to double check their submission(s) before responding to the bid.

❖ Closing date and time: **22 May 2026 @ 11h00**

1.5 LATE BIDS

- 1.5.1 Bids received late shall not be considered. A bid will be considered late if it arrived only one second after 11h00 or any time thereafter. Bids arriving late will not be considered under any circumstances. Bidders are therefore strongly advised to ensure that bids be sent allowing enough time for any unforeseen events that may delay the delivery of the bid.

1.6 NEGOTIATION

- 1.6.1 SASSETA has the right to enter into negotiation with a prospective service provider regarding any terms and conditions, including price(s), of a proposed contract.

1.7 REASONS FOR REJECTION

- 1.7.1 SASSETA shall reject a bid for the award of a contract if the recommended bidder has committed a proven corrupt or fraudulent act in competing for the particular contract.
- 1.7.2 SASSETA shall disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors:
 - 1.7.2.1 have abused the Supply Chain Management systems of SASSETA.
 - 1.7.2.2 have committed proven fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such systems.
 - 1.7.2.3 have failed to perform on any contract and the proof exists.
- 1.7.3 Such actions shall be communicated to the National Treasury.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

2.1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

2.1.1. SASSETA is one of the twenty-one (21) Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs) established in terms of the Skills Development Act (Act 97 of 1998) as amended. SASSETA's licence has been renewed until 31st March 2030. SASSETA is classified as a schedule 3A Public Entity in terms of Public Finance Management Act, (Act 1 of 1999, as amended). SASSETA reports to the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET).

2.2. PURPOSE

2.2.1. SASSETA seeks to appoint a suitable service provider to supply, deliver, configure and annually renew SASSETA OEM licenses with support and maintenance services as and when required, from date of appointment until 31 March 2030.

2.2.2. The licenses listed in this RFP represent solutions that are currently in use within SASSETA's ICT environment. Some of these licenses are due for renewal, while others represent new requirements. This mix of renewals and new acquisitions is aimed at maintaining and strengthening SASSETA's cybersecurity posture, operational efficiency, and user productivity.

2.3. SCOPE OF WORK AND DELIVERABLES

2.3.1. The service provider will be required to supply, deliver, configure, and support the following products and/or services as and when required:

NO	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	IMPLEMENTATION/ RENEWAL DATE	SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION
1.	FortiGate 100E Firewall License	1	1 August 2026	Advanced security features that protect SASSETA network from cyber threats and control which traffic is allowed in and out of the organisation.
2.	FortiGate 60E Firewall License	2	1 August 2026	
3.	Veeam VUL/Instance – latest version	1	1 June 2026	Backup software that protects the organisation servers and systems so data can be restored if lost or damaged.
4.	Kaspersky Endpoint Security for Windows (client machines) – per device, latest version	180	1 October 2026	Security software that protects client machines (laptops) from viruses, malware, and cyber threats.
5.	Kaspersky Endpoint Security for Windows (server machines) – per device, latest version	20	1 October 2026	
6.	Microsoft 365 E5 Plan with Teams – per user	180	1 June 2026	A complete productivity and security package that includes email, Office apps,

				collaboration tools, and advanced security for employees.
7.	GFI LanGuard – latest version, per node	180	1 July 2026	A tool that scans company computers and servers for security vulnerabilities and patches missing updates.
8.	Adobe Creative Cloud (All Apps) – per user	5	1 October 2026	A collection of professional design, video, and creative software used for creating digital content.
9.	Adobe Sign credit	5000	1 June 2026	Credits used to send and process legally binding electronic signatures on documents.
10.	Windows Server 2025	1	1 August 2026	Operating system software that runs company servers and manages network resources and services.
11.	Multi-Domain SSL Certificate (SAN) – Minimum 10 domains	2	1 June 2026	Security certificate that encrypts website traffic and protects company websites or domains.
12.	Microsoft System Center Server Management	20	1 August 2026	Provides centralised management, monitoring, configuration, and maintenance of organisational servers within the ICT environment.
13.	Microsoft Dataverse Database Capacity Add-on (1 GB unit)	200GB	1 June 2026	Additional storage space for structured organisation data used in Microsoft applications.
14.	Microsoft Dataverse File Capacity Add-on (1 GB unit)	100GB	1 June 2026	Additional storage for files and documents used within Microsoft business applications.
15.	Microsoft Dataverse Log Capacity Add-on (1 GB unit)	50GB	1 June 2026	Extra storage for system activity logs used for monitoring and auditing within Microsoft applications.
16.	Microsoft Azure (Storage Accounts, Azure SQL Database, Virtual Machines, App Service, Azure Cosmos DB, API Management, Microsoft Cost Management, Azure Policy)	1	1 June 2026	A comprehensive, cloud platform providing over 200 services for building, deploying, and managing applications across an organisation network, enabling businesses to reduce costs, scale efficiently, and accelerate innovation.
17.	Turn it in (Enterprise)	1	1 June 2026	Web-based originality-checking and similarity-detection tool that compares

				submitted work against vast databases.
18.	Chat GPT (Enterprise)	1	1 June 2026	AI-powered assistant that helps employees quickly generate insights, draft content, and automate routine tasks, improving productivity and decision-making across departments.

2.3.2. Licenses shall be allocated per user or per device where applicable and renewed on an ad hoc basis for the duration of the contract (from the date of appointment until 31 March 2030).

2.3.3. Supply and Delivery

- a) Supply all required OEM software licenses listed in section 2.3.1
- b) Ensure delivery of licenses, license keys, and associated entitlements within twenty-one (21) calendar days from receipt of an official purchase order.
- c) Provide original OEM licenses that are genuine, compliant, and verifiable with the respective software publisher.
- d) Provide, where required, additional OEM software licenses and related services not explicitly listed in section 2.3.1, subject to:
 - submission of a formal quotation
 - prior written approval by the organisation; and
- e) Ensure that any additional licenses supplied
 - are aligned with the organisation's ICT standards and architecture.
 - are priced in accordance with agreed pricing structures or market-related rates; and
 - comply with all applicable procurement and governance requirements.
- f) Provide proof of licensing, including certificates, entitlement documentation, or vendor verification, upon delivery.

2.3.4. Configuration

- a) Configure all licenses on all applicable platforms according to SASSETA's environment and ensure they are fully operational.
- b) Provide access to administrative portals where licenses can be centrally managed, monitored, and maintained.
- c) Configure all necessary automated policies to enable effective management and control of devices across all applicable platforms.
- d) **Automated distribution where applicable.** Where the license type allows, configure automatic deployment to devices or users using the vendor's management tools.
- e) **Ensure proper documentation.** Provide configuration reports for all licenses, including access credentials to administrative portals, deployment status, and any configuration settings applied.
- f) Configure SCCM for centralised endpoint management, including OS deployment, application distribution, update management, inventory reporting, and compliance enforcement. Integrate SCCM with Microsoft 365 E5 and other relevant SASSETA systems for seamless endpoint and application management.

- i. **FortiGate Firewalls:** Configure and activate licenses on all devices, ensuring optimal security policies and network protection are implemented.
- ii. **Microsoft 365 (Office 365):** Configure licenses for seamless integration with existing email, file storage, and collaboration systems. Setup includes, but is not limited to, configuring email security, OneDrive for Business, SharePoint, and Teams.
- iii. **Kaspersky Endpoint Security:** Configure all client and server devices and provide access to the Kaspersky administrative management console for centralised monitoring, policy enforcement, and automated deployment of licenses.
- iv. **Veeam VUL/Instance:** Deploy backup instances, configure backup jobs for all virtual and physical workloads, and ensure centralised monitoring through the Veeam management console.
- v. **GFI LanGuard:** Configure per node, enable device scanning, implement automated patch management policies, and provide access to the management console for ongoing monitoring and reporting.
- vi. **Adobe Creative Cloud & Adobe Sign:** Configure licenses per user, deploy applications, and provide access to administrative portals for effective license and user management.
- vii. g) Windows Server 2025: Activate licenses and configure servers in accordance with organisational server management and security policies.
- viii. **Multi-Domain SSL:** Configure and ensure all relevant domains and subdomains are correctly linked and mapped, guaranteeing secure and reliable SSL functionality across the environment.
- ix. Microsoft System Center / Microsoft Endpoint Manager: Configure and manage devices per user or per device for centralised operating system management, software deployment, updates, compliance enforcement, and reporting.
- x. **Microsoft Dataverse Database Capacity Add-on:** Provision additional database capacity within the existing Power Platform tenant and ensure availability across relevant environments.
- xi. **Microsoft Dataverse File Capacity Add-on:** Provision additional file storage capacity and ensure availability for attachments, documents, and other file-based data across environments.
- xii. **Microsoft Dataverse Log Capacity Add-on:** Provision additional log capacity and ensure system logs and auditing data are properly stored, monitored, and accessible.
- xiii. **Microsoft Azure:** Configure and provision Azure resources in line with organisational requirements, including virtual machines, storage, networking, and security policies. Ensure proper access control, monitoring, cost management, and integration with existing environments.
- xiv. **Turnitin (Enterprise):** Configure institutional access, set up user roles and permissions, and ensure plagiarism detection and reporting functionalities are fully operational and accessible to authorised users.
- xv. **ChatGPT (Enterprise):** Configure enterprise access, user provisioning, and role-based permissions. Ensure secure usage, integration with organisational workflows, and enable capabilities that support content generation, automation, and productivity across designated departments.

2.3.5. Administration, User Support and Training

- A. Provide user support, perform troubleshooting, and provide training as needed for all relevant applications.

2.4. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

- 2.4.1. The bidder should submit the following valid certificates in the name of team members collectively:

- 2.4.1.1. Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE)
- 2.4.1.2. Fortinet NSE
- 2.4.1.3. Veeam Certified Engineer (VMCE)

- 2.4.2. The bidding company to submit the following valid certificates in the name of the bidding company:

- 2.4.2.1. ISO/IEC 27001
- 2.4.2.2. ISO 9001

NB: Failure to submit the required valid certificates will result in the automatic disqualification of the bidder's proposal.

- 2.4.3. Bidders to submit a fully completed CV Template (Annexure B) for all three (3) Technical Team Members. **Non-submission of a completed Annexure B will lead to automatic disqualification.**

2.5. TIMEFRAMES FOR DELIVERY OF THE WORK

- 2.5.1. This contract shall commence from the date of appointment and remain valid until 31 March 2030 with an option to renew for a further period, based on the SASSETA license.

2.6. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- 2.6.1. The bidding company to:

- 2.6.1.1. Provide a comprehensive plan covering activation, configuration, and administration setup for all licensed platforms. The plan should detail key activities, expected timelines, responsible personnel, and post-implementation support and escalation process.

- 2.6.1.2. Provide a CV template (Annexure B) of the three (3) technical team members assigned to the project. Collectively, the team must demonstrate experience in the deployment, configuration, management, and support of ten (10) different platforms, with each member contributing experience in platforms distinct from those of the other members. **(completed Annexure B must be attached)**

- 2.6.1.3. Demonstrate successful license supply, configuration, management and support services in at least three (3) organisations and attach three (3) reference letters signed by clients confirming the nature and scope of the services delivered.

2.7. PRICING

- 2.7.1. The service providers are requested to provide an all-inclusive cost of this project assignment on SBD 3.3
- 2.7.2. The products/services will be requested/provided on an ad hoc basis.
- 2.7.3. Claim travel mileage costs applicable to this contract as per the Department of Transport rates.
- 2.7.4. Book only economy-class flights
- 2.7.5. Book Group A hire cars, otherwise Group B are to be used following SASSETA's approval
- 2.7.6. Utilise cost-effective mode of transport such as Uber/Taxify/Gautrain or shuttle.
- 2.7.7. services when traveling to and from the airport.
- 2.7.8. Book only Bed and Breakfast, Hotels, or other equivalent accommodations up to a Rand value of R1 400/ per night per person (including dinner, breakfast, and parking).
- 2.7.9. Submit all applicable invoices/receipts for the travel undertaken and also, a google map of the trip where travel by private car was undertaken for payment.
- 2.7.10. All travel to be approved by SASSETA before being Undertaken.

2.8. ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING

- 2.8.1. The service provider will report directly to SASSETA ICT Manager for the duration of the contract.

2.9. PENALTY FOR NON-PERFORMANCE

- 2.9.1. SASSETA reserves the right to enforce penalties, withhold payment, or take other remedial action should the appointed service provider fail to meet the agreed service levels, timelines, or deliverables as will be captured in the Service Level Agreement (SLA).
- 2.9.2. Final project timelines will be agreed upon with the appointed service provider and incorporated into the SLA. Failure to meet these agreed timelines may result in penalties as outlined in the SLA.

2.10. HANDOVER PROCESSES

- 2.10.1. On the expiry of this contract, the appointed service provider will be required to hand over all access credentials of all portals to SASSETA.

2.11. CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) (ANNEXURE A)

- 2.11.1. Bidders are requested to initial each page of the General Conditions of Contract (GCC) (Annexure A) and submit their response to this Request for Quotations. The GCC will form part of the contract with the successful Bidder.

2.12. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 2.12.1. The service provider will be contracting with SASSETA. All products and data of this project, in whatever format raw or analysed, will be confidential information for utilisation by SASSETA. All information and documents, received from SASSETA or stakeholders, is to be kept confidential and may not be used or distributed in any format without the written approval of SASSETA. To this end, the service provider will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement within the Service Level Agreement.

2.13. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT

- 2.13.1. All Service Providers are to take note of the implications of POPIA act and any other data privacy Act applicable that SASSETA complies to. In compliance to the act, please be advised that the following are applicable to the treatment of vendor information:
 - 2.13.1.1. All requested bid information will be solemnly utilized for the purpose of the bid evaluation processes. The vendor hereby consents the information provided as part of this bid will be utilized for supply chain processes of SASSETA and may be subject to multiple processing to enable the evaluation of this bid.
 - 2.13.1.2. The vendor consents that the information collected will be retained for the duration of the evaluation and archived for records management purposes. The information will be disposed as per the SASSETA records management policies as prescribed by the national archives act. Furthermore, the information owner acknowledges that the information provided will be scanned into digital records which are retained on the SASSETA backup servers and that are replicated to backup media. SASSETA does confirm that the organization adopts industry best practice with regards to the safeguarding of digital records whether locally stored or retained in backup media.
 - 2.13.1.3. SASSETA confirms that all submitted records will be retained in their original form and will not be altered with to preserve the quality and originality of information provided.
 - 2.13.1.4. SASSETA confirms that the Information Officer is duly responsible for vendor information provided and exercises stringent measures to ensure that information is secured and solemnly utilized for the purpose of use. No vendor records will be distributed or utilized for any processes outside the current bid that the information has been requested for.

3. PROPOSED SELECTION CRITERIA

3.1 Compliance requirements

3.1.1 All bids duly lodged will be examined to determine compliance with bidding requirements and conditions.

3.2 Conditions for selection/short listing

3.2.1 All submissions will be evaluated as follows:

3.2.1.1 Phase 1 – Requirements items, Service Providers to:

- Submit their proposal by the closing date and time. **Proposals submitted after the closing date and time will be disqualified from further evaluation.**
- Submit a fully completed CV Template (Annexure B) for all three (3) Technical Team Members. **Non-submission of a completed Annexure B will lead to automatic disqualification.**
- Submit the following valid certificates in the name of team members collectively:
 - Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE)
 - Fortinet NSE
 - Veeam Certified Engineer (VMCE)
- Submit the following valid certificates in the name of the bidding company:
 - ISO/IEC 27001
 - ISO 9001**NB: Failure to submit the required valid certificates will result in the automatic disqualification of the bidder's proposal.**
- complete and submit all Standard Bidding Documents (SBD) forms mentioned above on page 2 of this document, namely: SBD1, SBD 3.3, SBD 4, SBD 6.1.
- Bidders to be registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) by the closing date and time of this request for quotation. Bidders are to provide SASSETA with a copy of their CSD registration report downloaded from the National Treasury CSD Website.
- Initial each page of the General Condition of Contract (Annexure A) and submit with your proposal.

3.2.1.2 Phase 2 – Functionality evaluations

- The proposals of all service providers will be rated on a scale of 0 to 1.
 - 0: Required document/item not submitted/ Unacceptable, does not meet set criteria
 - 1: Exceptional mastery of the requirement should ensure extremely effective performance.

ELEMENT	FUNCTIONALITY EVALUATION		FUNCTIONALITY WEIGHT	TOTAL SCORE
Certification and Experience:	Rating out of 1	Evaluation criteria	100%	
The bidder to submit a comprehensive plan covering activation, configuration, and administration setup for all licensed platforms. The plan should detail key activities, expected timelines, responsible personnel, and post-implementation support and escalation process.	0	No implementation plan submitted, or the submitted plan does not address all the elements within scope of work.	30%	
	1	Implementation plan submitted and addressed all elements within the scope of work.		
The bidder to submit the CV Template (Annexure B) for the three (3) proposed technical team members assigned to the project. Collectively, the team must demonstrate experience in the deployment, configuration, management, and support of ten (10) different platforms, with each member contributing experience in platforms distinct from those of the other members.	0	CV Template (Annexure B) for all three (3) Technical Team Members not submitted or the submitted CV Template (Annexure B) demonstrates experience in the deployment, configuration, management, and support of less than ten (10) different platforms, with each member contributing experience in platforms distinct from those of the other members.	40%	
	1	CV Template (Annexure B) of the three (3) technical team members assigned to the project submitted. Collectively, the three (3) team members demonstrate experience in the deployment, configuration, management, and support of ten (10) different platforms, with each member contributing experience in platforms distinct from those of the other members.		
The service provider must demonstrate successful license supply, configuration, management and support services in at least three (3) organisations and attach three (3) reference letters signed by clients confirming the nature and scope of the services delivered.	0	The Bidding Company did not submit written references letters or less than 3 reference letters submitted where successful license supply, configuration, management and support services were rendered.	30%	
	1	The Bidding Company submitted three (3) or more signed references letters were successful license supply, configuration, management and support services in at least three (3) organisations submitted		

ELEMENT	FUNCTIONALITY EVALUATION		FUNCTIONALITY WEIGHT	TOTAL SCORE
		confirming the nature and scope of the services delivered.		
TOTAL POINTS				100%

N/B: Bidders need to obtain 100% threshold for functionality to be evaluated further on the preferential point system below. Bidders who fail to score 100% for functionality will be disqualified from further evaluation.

3.2.1.3 Phase 3 – Price and Specific Goals

- The value of this bid is estimated not to exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 system shall be applicable where 80 points will be allocated to price and 20 points for Specific Goals as follows:

Evaluation Criterion on Price and Specific Goals	
Relative competitiveness of proposed price	80
Specific Goals	20
TOTAL FOR PRICE AND SPECIFIC GOALS	100

3.2.1.4 ADJUDICATION OF BID

- The Bid Adjudication Committee will consider the recommendations of the Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC) and make a recommendation to the Award Authority to make the final award. The successful bidder will usually be the service provider scoring the highest number of points lower-scoring bid based on firm, verifiable and justifiable grounds, or no award at all.

PART A - INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY)					
BID NUMBER:	RFP/SASSETA/25261129	CLOSING DATE:	22 May 2026	CLOSING TIME:	11h00am
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PROPOSALS TO BE EMAILED:					
Proposals to be submitted electronically via email to licenses@sasseta.org.za for the attention of Ms. Lebo Hlombe					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Ms. Lebo Hlombe		CONTACT PERSON	Ms. Lebo Hlombe	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	scm01@sasseta.org.za		E-MAIL ADDRESS	scm01@sasseta.org.za	
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]					
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER PART B:3]	
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS					
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.					

**PART B
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING**

1. BID SUBMISSION:
<p>1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.</p> <p>1.2. ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED– (NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.</p> <p>1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.</p> <p>1.4. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).</p>
2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS
<p>2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.</p> <p>2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER’S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.</p> <p>2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.</p> <p>2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.</p> <p>2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.</p> <p>2.6 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.</p> <p>2.7 NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE.”</p>

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE / OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.

NAME OF SIGNATORY

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

N/B.: If a Company has one director as listed on CSD, the one Director to sign these documents on behalf of the Company. Any other member of the Company will require a Company Resolution to be attached to this submission signed by the duly Authorised Director.

N/B.: If the Company has more than one Director as listed on CSD, a signed Company Resolution to be attached to confirm that the one Director can sign on behalf of the Company. Any other member of the Company will require a Company Resolution to be attached to this submission signed by the duly Authorised Directors.

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:
(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:

PRICING SCHEDULE

(Professional Services)

NAME OF BIDDER:	BID NO.: RFP/SASSETA/25261129
CLOSING TIME: 11h00	CLOSING DATE: 22 May 2026

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR **120** DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY **(ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)
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1. The accompanying information must be used for the formulation of proposals and each price below **must be inclusive of VAT (where applicable)**:

A. Once Off Costs

No.	Item Description	Quantity (Per user/device)	Implementation/ renewal date	Total Price: From date of implementation/renewal until 31 March 2030)
1.	FortiGate 100E Firewall License	1	1 August 2026	R
2.	FortiGate 60E Firewall License	2	1 August 2026	R
3.	Veeam VUL/Instance – latest version	1	1 June 2026	R
4.	Kaspersky Endpoint Security for Windows (client machines) – per device, latest version	180	1 October 2026	R
5.	Kaspersky Endpoint Security for Windows (server machines) – per device, latest version	20	1 October 2026	R
6.	Microsoft 365 E5 Plan with Teams – per user	180	1 June 2026	R

7.	GFI LanGuard – latest version, per node	180	1 July 2026	R
8.	Adobe Creative Cloud (All Apps) – per user	5	1 October 2026	R
9.	Adobe sign credit	5000	1 June 2026	R
10.	Windows Server 2025	1	1 August 2026	R
11.	Multi-Domain SSL Certificate (SAN) – Minimum 10 domains	2	1 June 2026	R
12.	Microsoft System Center Server Management	20	1 August 2026	R
13.	Microsoft Dataverse Database Capacity Add-on	200GB	1 June 2026	R
14.	Microsoft Dataverse File Capacity Add-on	100GB	1 June 2026	R
15.	Microsoft Dataverse Log Capacity Add-on	50GB	1 June 2026	R
16.	Microsoft Azure (Storage Accounts, Azure SQL Database, Virtual Machines, App services, Azure Cosmos DB, API Management, Microsoft Cost Management, Azure Policy)	1	1 June 2026	R
17.	Microsoft Azure (Storage Accounts, Azure SQL Database, Virtual Machines, App Service, Azure Cosmos DB, API Management, Microsoft Cost Management, Azure Policy)	1	1 June 2026	R
18.	Turn it in (Enterprise)	1	1 June 2026	R
19.	Chat GPT (Enterprise)	1	1 June 2026	R
20.	TOTAL			R

B. Ad Hoc Items

NO.	Item Description	Quantity (Per user/ device)	Implementation/ renewal date	Year 1: from date of implementation/ renewal until 31 March 2027	Year 2: from 1 April 2027 until 31 March 2028	Year 3: from 1 April 2028 until 31 March 2029	Year 4: from 1 April 2029 until 31 March 2030
1.	FortiGate 100E Firewall License	1	1 August 2026	R	R	R	R
2.	FortiGate 60E Firewall License	1	1 August 2026	R	R	R	R
3.	Veeam VUL/Instance – latest version	1	1 June 2026	R	R	R	R
4.	Kaspersky Endpoint Security for Windows (client machines) – per device, latest version	1	1 October 2026	R	R	R	R
5.	Kaspersky Endpoint Security for Windows (server machines) – per device, latest version	1	1 October 2026	R	R	R	R
6.	Microsoft 365 E5 Plan with Teams – per user	1	1 June 2026	R	R	R	R
7.	GFI LanGuard – latest version, per node	1	1 July 2026	R	R	R	R
8.	Adobe Creative Cloud (All Apps) – per user	1	1 October 2026	R	R	R	R
9.	Adobe sign credit	1	1 June 2026	R	R	R	R
10.	Windows Server 2025	1	1 August 2026	R	R	R	R
11.	Multi-Domain SSL Certificate (SAN) – Minimum 10 domains	1	1 June 2026	R	R	R	R
12.	Microsoft System Center Server Management	1	1 August 2026	R	R	R	R

13.	Microsoft Dataverse Database Capacity Add-on	150GB	1 June 2026	R	R	R	R
14.	Microsoft Dataverse File Capacity Add-on	100GB	1 June 2026	R	R	R	R
15.	Microsoft Dataverse Log Capacity Add-on	50GB	1 June 2026	R	R	R	R
16.	Microsoft Azure (Storage Accounts, Azure SQL Database, Virtual Machines, App Service, Azure Cosmos DB, API Management, Microsoft Cost Management, Azure Policy)	1	1 June 2026	R	R	R	R
17.	Turn it in (Enterprise)	1	1 June 2026	R	R	R	R
18.	Chat GPT (Enterprise)	1	1 June 2026	R	R	R	R
19.	TOTAL			R	R	R	R

Bidders MUST complete the required amounts on this document, and they MUST be the same as the total amount on the quotation incl. VAT.

Bidders are to complete the name and surname of the three (3) proposed team members on this assignment and ensure that comprehensive CV Template (Annexure) of these members is attached to the proposal as follows:

NO.	ROLE IN THE TEAM	NAME AND SURNAME (<i>One team member to be proposed</i>)	IS THE CV TEMPLATE (ANNEXURE B) ATTACHED (<i>circle the response below</i>)
1.	Team member 1		Yes/No
2.	Team member 2		Yes/No
3.	Team member 3		Yes/No

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of bidder

(To be signed by a duly authorised Delegate. A signed Company Resolution must be submitted). (To be signed by a duly Authorised Delegate)

BIDDER’S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

Any person (natural or juristic) may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In line with the principles of transparency, accountability, impartiality, and ethics as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and further expressed in various pieces of legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.

Where a person/s are listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters and / or the List of Restricted Suppliers, that person will automatically be disqualified from the bid process.

2. Bidder’s declaration

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, employed by the state? **YES/NO**

2.1.1 If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, and, if applicable, state employee numbers of sole proprietor/ directors / trustees / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table.

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

N/B. If more space required, Service providers are to copy this table onto their letterhead and provide information as per the table above

2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

2.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any interest in any other related enterprise whether or not they are bidding for this contract?
YES
/NO

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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3. DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, (name).....in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium¹ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.5 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 3.6 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.
- 3.7 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT. I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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¹ Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022

This preference form must form part of all tenders invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for specific goals.

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, TENDERERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER AND PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to tender:

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2 To be completed by the organ of state

- (a) (The applicable preference point system for this tender is the 80/20 preference point system.
- (b) The lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the accurate system once tenders are received.

1.3 Points for this tender (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:

- (c) Price; and
- (d) Specific Goals.

1.4 To be completed by the organ of state:

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	100

1.5 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.

1.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

2.1 POINTS AWARDED FOR THE PRICE

2.1.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 80 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

80/20

$$Ps = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin} \right)$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

2.2 POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

2.2.1 In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender.

2.2.2 For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:

Table 1: Specific goals for the tender and points claimed are indicated per the table below.

Note to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each preference point system.)

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this bid	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the bidder)
At least 100% Black People ownership	5	
At least 30% Black Women Ownership	4	
At least 30% Black youth ownership	4	
The Promotion of South African owned enterprises	7	
Total Points	20	

3. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

3.1. Name of company/firm.....

3.2. Company registration number:

3.3. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- Y Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
 - Y One-person business/sole propriety
 - Y Close corporation
 - Y Public Company
 - Y Personal Liability Company
 - Y (Pty) Limited
 - Y Non-Profit Company
 - Y State Owned Company
- [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

3.4. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I acknowledge that:

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the tendering process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person’s conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) recommend that the tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution, if deemed necessary.

 SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)
SURNAME AND NAME:
DATE:
ADDRESS:

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR CLAIMING SPECIFIC GOALS

As per bullet 1.6 and 1.7 of the Preference Points Claim Form in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022, bidders are required to submit the SASSETA verification document(s) in order to be allocated the specific goals claimed:

- a) An Original/Certified copy of a valid B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit.
- b) Valid Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) Company registration documents
- c) Certified copy/ies of Identity documents of the Company Directors
- d) CSD report
- e) medical report (if any)
- f) declaration letter signed by the bidder.

NB.: Non-submission of the documents required above will lead to specific goal points NOT being awarded.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of bidder

(To be signed by a duly Authorised Delegate. A signed Company Resolution must be submitted).

If you receive any suspicious calls asking for payment to secure an award of a bid or that the outcome of a tender can be influenced in your favour, please immediately inform the SASSETA Anti-Corruption Hotline at 0800 162 111 for further investigation.

BIDDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST WHEN SUBMITTING THEIR BIDS:

NO.	DETAILS	TICK BY BIDDER
1.	Part 1: Completed and signed the invitation to bid document (SBD 1) • To be signed by a duly Authorised Delegate.	
2.	Part 2: Completed and signed pricing schedule (SBD 3.3) • To be signed by a duly Authorised Delegate	
3.	Part 3: Completed and signed the bidder's declaration (SBD 4). <i>(In case of a consortium/ joint venture, or where sub-Service providers are utilised, each party to the bid to complete and sign the declaration of interest document)</i> • To be signed by a duly Authorised Delegate	
4.	Part 4: Completed and signed the Preference Points Claim form in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022 (SBD 6.1) To be signed by a duly Authorised Delegate.	
5.	Part 5: Submitted the General Conditions of Contract (initialled each page)	
6.	Part 6: Bidders to submit their National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) registration document.	
7.	Part 7: Bidder's attached quotation on the Company letterhead inclusive of VAT and any other applicable costs in line with the SBD 3.3	
8.	Part 8: Submit a fully completed CV Template (Annexure B) for all three (3) Technical Team Members. Non-submission of a completed Annexure B will lead to automatic disqualification.	
9.	Part 9: Submit Submit the following valid certificates in the name of team members collectively: ➤ Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) ➤ Fortinet NSE ➤ Veeam Certified Engineer (VMCE) NB: Failure to submit the required valid certificates will result in the automatic disqualification of the bidder's proposal	
10.	Part 10: Submit the following valid certificates in the name of the bidding company: ➤ ISO/IEC 27001 ➤ ISO 9001 NB: Failure to submit the required valid certificates will result in the automatic disqualification of the bidder's proposal	
11.	Part 11: Submit a comprehensive plan covering activation, configuration, and administration setup for all licensed platforms. The plan should detail key activities, expected timelines, responsible personnel, and post-implementation support and escalation process.	
12.	Part 12: Submit the CV Template (Annexure B) for the three (3) proposed technical team members assigned to the project. Collectively, the team must demonstrate experience in the deployment, configuration, management, and support of ten (10) different platforms, with each member contributing experience in platforms distinct from those of the other members.	
13.	Part 13: Submit three (3) or more written references letters from clients (existing or previous) where license supply, configuration, management and support services were rendered.	
14.	Part 18: Bidders to submit: NB.: Non-submission of the below-mentioned documents (under 12) will lead to specific goal points NOT being awarded.	

	Valid Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) Company registration documents	
	Certified copy of Identity document of company directors	

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